(c) whether the total project is worth Rs. 3360 crores out of which 10 per cent would be the share capital of factories apart from 60 per cent loan and the remaining amount would be borne by the State and the Central Government; and

(d) if so, by when this project is likely to be completed and to what extent this would be beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has given approval for Chandrapur Thermal Power Project (2x500) MW.

(b) to (d) As per the information received from Maharashtra Government, initially 55 sugar factories will be benefited. An investment of about Rs. 4000/- crore is required for the project. Equity from sugar factories was 10% of the project cost out of which 50% would be made available from green cess and balance 50% would be contributed by the sugar factories. Soft loan from Sugar Development Fund is 30% and the remaining 60% will be raised as loan from financial institutions. The project is likely to be completed within 3 years. The following benefits would accrue from the project:

(i) Sugar factories get extra revenue by selling power.

(ii) Sugar factories may get Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) benefit.

(iii) Load shedding is minimized in rural areas.

(iv) Job opportunities in Rural areas.

(v) Farmers can get benefit of additional cane price.

Investment in Power Projects of States

†2889. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has invested in the power projects of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) the total amount invested during the last two years, project-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the share of Central Government in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir. The Central Government has not provided any funds directly to power projects of the States.

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Completion of Power Projects

2890. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in supply of high pressure parts, lack of manpower, non-availability of gas, etc. are likely to cause substantial time-run for the power projects during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

† *Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*